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TO

Establish County Councils in Ireland.

A.D. 1894.

**B**E it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

- 5    1. On and after the *first March one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six* there shall be established in every county at large in Ireland a county council for the discharge of the administrative and financial business of such county. Establishment of county councils.
- 10    2. The powers and duties of grand juries in counties at large, except in relation to bills of indictment or criminal business and the powers and duties of presentment sessions, shall on and after the *first March one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six* cease and determine, and thereupon they shall be transferred to and devolve upon the county council of each such county. Transfer of grand jury powers.
- 15    3. So much of the provisions of the County Electors Act, 1888, and the Local Government Acts, 1888 to 1894, or of any rules made thereunder, or of any Act amending or affecting the said Acts, shall apply in Ireland as the Lord Lieutenant shall by Order in Council declare applicable and with such modifications as the said Order shall prescribe, provided that no such modification shall be made to  
20 alter the franchise created by the said Acts or to impose a different qualification from the qualification therein enacted. Such Order shall set forth the terms in which the said Acts shall apply and be construed, and the provisions of such Order shall be of the same  
25 force and effect and have the same operation as if they were in this Act enacted. Application of English Acts by Order in Council.
- 30    4. The Irish Local Government Board shall make and publish in the prescribed manner, rules for the supervision of the business of the councils, and for the establishment of baronial councils in any barony or area, or in grouped baronies, or grouped electoral divisions, or other areas within a county at large, and for the  
[Bill 25.] Powers of Local Government Board.

A.D. 1895. — devolution and transfer of any portion of the business and duties of county councils to baronial councils, and for such other matters as the Order in Council shall provide.

Date and  
proof of  
Order in  
Council.

5. The said Order in Council shall be made before the *first day of January one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six* and shall be published in the Dublin Gazette, and the production of a copy of the Dublin Gazette purporting to be printed by authority and to contain such order shall be proof that the said Order in Council was duly made and published. Said Order in Council may be amended by a supplemental Order in Council, but no such amending Order in Council shall be made under this Act after the *thirty-first day of May one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six*.

Application  
and short  
title.

6. This Act shall apply to Ireland only, and may be cited as the County Councils (Ireland) Act, 1895.

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